

THE NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL CHAMPION ASSOCIATION

will hold the National Championship February 11, 2019
at Ames Plantation, Grand Junction, Tennessee

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★ ★ ★ **PURSE \$20,000** ★ ★ ★

*Plus: Additional Cash Supplements of \$2,000 from The Bank of Fayette County,
and \$4,000 from anonymous donors, to the Winning Handler.*

Trophy known as "THE CLYDE MORTON MEMORIAL CUP" to be won three times for permanent possession.

Perpetual Trophies: The Cecil S. Proctor Memorial Trophy • The Julia Colony Ames Memorial Trophy

- The M.G. (Mike) Perkins Trophy, a replica of the Julia Colony Ames Memorial Trophy, will be presented for permanent possession to the owner of the 2019 National Champion.
- The Barry H. Saunders Memorial Trophy, with a sterling silver likeness of the last hat pin Barry designed, will be presented to the winning handler for permanent possession.
- The Bank of Fayette County, serving Fayette, Hardeman and McNairy Counties since 1905, will furnish a \$2,000 purse supplement to the winning handler as noted above.
- The Waldo E. and Pearl H. Dodge Commemorative Silver Belt Buckle will be given to the winning owner.
- The Whippoorwill Wild Card Memorial Breeders Award will be presented to the breeder of the winning dog.

Qualifications: Details of the qualification requirements for the 2019 National Championship were included in our announcement on page 2 of the March 31, 2018 issue of The AMERICAN FIELD. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary, NFTA.

Nominations for dogs now eligible close February 1, 2019 • All fees MUST be paid before dog competes!

NOMINATION FEE: \$600.00 • STARTING FEE: \$600.00

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Drawing will be on Saturday evening, February 9, 2019, at Bryan Hall on Ames Plantation at 7:00 P.M.

The 25th Annual Winner of the Joe H. Hurdle Top Dog Award (as described in The American Field, page 1, November 6, 2010 issue) will be announced during the drawing ceremonies. The "Award Pin" is handcrafted by David Kelley of David Kelley Jewelers, Somerville, TN.

JUDGES: Charles F. Bryan, Moscow, TN; Jadie Rayfield, Mt. Pleasant, SC; and Dr. Stan Wint, Gardner, KS.

Reporter: William Smith, Moscow, TN

Videographer: Brad Harter, Pleasant Hill Productions

All participants must use solid barrel guns, .32 caliber or equivalent pistols and/or solid barrel shotguns .410 or greater with blank ammunition, no primers or poppers.

Handlers may elect to utilize tracking collars provided by officials of the trial.

Rules promulgated by the AFTCA and the American Field for use of dog collars in competitive events will apply for this event. No running on Sunday.

• **NESTLE PURINA PetCare**, the “OFFICIAL” dog food sponsor of the NFTCA’s 2019 National Championship, Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, MO 63164—(www.proplan.com/sportingdog). Contact Greg Blair, Purina Area Manager, W128 N6239 River Heights Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. Phone: (262) 939-2775. Purina was founded in 1894 by William H. Danforth, two years before the inaugural running of the National Championship and Purina’s 120+ year history now teams with the 120 year National Championship, celebrating the last 103 years at the historic Ames Plantation.

Purina will provide a year’s supply of pet food to the winner and a sample to each handler as well as a one-of-a-kind 2019 National Championship souvenir cap to participating handlers, owners and club officials. Purina is sponsoring the Kick-Off Dinner at the Bird Dog Museum on Sunday night, February 10th, and sponsoring the National Championship Oil Painting of the 2019 winner by Ross B. Young, Preston, ID. Purina is also making a monetary contribution to the National Field Trial Champion Association to help defray the expenses associated with conducting a quality event.

• **SPALDING LABORATORIES**, 760 Printz Rd., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420—(888) 880-1579—(www.spalding-labs.com)—Fly Predators™ brand bio-beneficial insects for fly control. Spalding donates a year’s worth of Fly Predators to the Ames Plantation for control of flies with their horse herd and Bye Bye Odor which is a safe and natural solution especially formulated to substantially reduce or eliminate a wide range of odors associated with animal urine or manure in barns and horse trailers.

• **THE BANK OF FAYETTE COUNTY**, 1265 Hwy. 57 East, Collierville, TN 38017—(901) 854-2265—(www.thebank1905.com), serving Fayette, Hardeman and McNairy Counties since 1905, will provide a cash supplement of \$2,000 to the winning handler as noted above.

• **GARMIN INTERNATIONAL**, 1200 E. 151st St., Olathe, KS 66062—(913) 397-8200—(www.garmin.com) will provide 3 Garmin Astro 430 Receivers & T 5 Collars; one unit each to the winning owner, handler and scout of the 2019 National Championship, as well as providing 4 Garmin Units for use during the competition by the handlers and officials. Garmin will also provide a Tri-Tronics Pro550 Remote Trainer and a Bark Limiter Deluxe to the winning handler.

• **SPORTSMAN’S PRIDE @ PET FOODS**, 500 6th St., Red Bay, AL 35582—(800) 633-3349—will provide a year’s supply of Professional 30/20 product to the winning handler. Sportsman’s Pride @ is produced by Sunshine Mills, Inc., a 50 plus year old family business, under Global Food Safety Initiative guidelines to support compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). Sportsman’s Pride @ will host the “everyone’s invited” Brunswick Stew, Monday, February 18, 2019. Pet food samples and hats will be given to all participants and everyone visiting the Rhea Clubhouse while supplies last. Sportsman’s Pride @ will make a monetary contribution to the National Field Trial Champion Association to help defray the expenses associated with conducting a quality event.

2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORS



The “OFFICIAL” dog food sponsor of the 2019 National Championship



— SPECIAL AWARDS —

• **Tucker Trail Saddles**, P.O. Box 797, Yoakum, TX 77995—(800) 882-5375—(www.tuckersaddles.com)—will award an engraved (with the 120th running logo) Montreal Royal Trooper Saddle, saddle bags, breast strap and bridle to the owner of the 2019 National Champion.

• **Pleasant Hill Productions**, 4842 Pleasant Hill Rd., Athens, OH 45701—(740) 593-8546—will provide to the winner: a total of 4 complimentary copies of edited videotape footage of the 2019 National Championship to the owner and handler, and have video footage available to other participants as well.

• **Jack Haggis Saddlery**, Jeff and Karen Haggis, 4733 Scotchmere Dr., RR #2, Glencoe, Ontario, Canada N0L 1M0—(519) 289-5544—(www.haggissaddles.com)—will provide a Haggis Trooper Saddle for the handler of the 2019 National Champion.

• **SportDOG Brand & Gun Dog Supply**, 17645 US HWY 82, Mathiston, MS 39752 - (800) 624-6378 or (662) 615-5520—(www.gundogsupply.com)—will provide a SportDOG Brand SD-1825 Sport Hunter to the handler of the 2019 National Champion and 4 — \$25.00 gift certificates to be awarded in a raffle to owners attending the drawing.

• **John and Susan Ivester**, Charlotte, NC, owners of 2000 National Champion Marques Gold Rush, will provide owners, handlers and officials of the 120th Running, a commemorative hat pin, a one and only original designed by the late Barry Saunders.

• **An anonymous donor** will provide a Christie Enterprises Trooper Saddle to the winning scout of the 2019 National Championship.

• **Predator Management Solutions**, Professional Trapping and Wildlife Management by Doug McKenzie, Madisonville, TN, phone 432-253-4042 or visit our website at: www.predatormanager.com. Predator Mgt. Solutions provide 14+ days of predator control on the 6,000 acres of field trial courses at Ames Plantation.

• **Hendrix Farms**, will provide 2 tons of All-Grain Horse Feed for use by club officials and Ames horses during the running of the National Field Trials.

• **Area Wide Communications**, 260 Hwy 45E North, Medina, TN 38355—(731) 783-5380—(www.areawidecomm.com)—will donate the use of 6 two-way radios for use by the Ames Security Patrol during the competition.

• **Ames Plantation** will provide twice daily updates of each day’s running on the website below. Bracings should be posted by 10:00 P.M., February 9, 2019.

SPECIAL NOTICE: All horses must have a current Coggins Test (less than 12 months) and health papers on out-of-state animals. Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture and officials will be checking papers. No stallions will be allowed in the gallery. While running is underway, traffic will be restricted on National Championship Drive and Turner Road from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. and on Ames Road and Plantation Road from 12:30 to 2:30 P.M.

PURINA, Garmin and others, will sponsor a National Field Trial Championship dinner & kickoff party at the National Bird Dog Museum on Sunday, February 10, at 6:00 P.M.; There will be the Annual Luke Meate Memorial Catfish Supper at the National Bird Dog Museum on Thursday, February 14, at 5:30 P.M., sponsored by Purina and others.

Sportsman’s Pride @ will host an “Everyone Invited” Brunswick Stew on Monday, February 18, 2019 at Bryan Hall immediately following the afternoon brace, ~ 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.

First Baptist Church Grand Junction will provide sausage and biscuits each morning at the Rhea Clubhouse while the supply lasts. **Women from the Hickory Valley, Grand Junction, Saulsbury, LaGrange, Bolivar and Somerville TN Area as well as Shannon, MS**, will assist with refreshments in the Rhea Clubhouse each day. Everyone is invited to all of these activities.

Catherine Bowling Dean of “Me and My Tea Room Catering” will provide lunches daily in Bryan Hall from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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